

STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES
BRANCH OPERATIONS DIVISION
On The Web At <http://dmvct.org>



If a vehicle registered in your name has been damaged and declared a **"Total Loss"** by an insurance company, you may be required to sign the title over to that insurance company at the time of the settlement. This may constitute a change of ownership. If so, the registration expires pursuant to section 14-16(a) of the Connecticut General Statutes. The insurance company must stamp the word "SALVAGE". A vehicle declared salvage cannot be operated on any Connecticut highway (*Section 14-16c of the Connecticut General Statutes*).

The number plates must be removed and either surrendered to the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles or they may be transferred to a replacement vehicle. If you acquire or retain ownership of the SALVAGED vehicle, it must undergo and pass a SALVAGE INSPECTION before it may be issued a valid registration.

SALVAGE INSPECTIONS ARE ONLY PERFORMED AT DMV INSPECTION LANES on the following days at the following locations: Hamden, Wethersfield, Willimantic, and Danbury Offices, open Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday, 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM; Thursday 8:00 AM to 6:00 PM; and Saturday 8:00 AM to 11:00 AM.

REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL SALVAGE INSPECTIONS AFTER OCTOBER 1, 1999: Since the registration is invalid, the vehicle must be transported by a car carrier or trailer (*no wheel of a salvaged vehicle may come in contact with the roadway*) to one of the DMV offices specified above. If the vehicle is owned by a Connecticut dealer or repairer, it may be driven on their dealer/repairer number plate for the purpose of presenting the vehicle for inspection. A vehicle which displays a dealer/repairer number plate may only be towed or driven to the DMV by a bona fide employee of that dealer/repairer. If the vehicle is driven on a dealer/repairer plate and fails salvage inspection, it cannot be driven away. It must be towed from the inspection site. The operator must present a valid operator's license. If a Connecticut dealer/repairer plate is on the vehicle, a supplemental identification card must also be presented. A salvage title must be presented, i.e., the title to the vehicle with the word **"SALVAGE"** stamped on it. You must present original receipts for all major component parts used in repairing the vehicle. The definition of a major component part is changed per **PUBLIC ACT 99-268, SECTIONS 12, 13, & 15** to read the same as provided in subdivision (2) of subsection (a) of section 14-149a. Specifically "major component part" means one of the following parts of a motor vehicle: (A) The engine, (B) the transmission, (C) the right or left front fender, (D) the hood, (E) a door allowing entrance to or egress from the passenger compartment of the vehicle, (F) the front or rear bumper, (G) the right or left rear quarter panel, (H) the deck lid, tailgate, or hatchback, (I) the trunk floor pan, (J) the cargo box of a pickup, (K) the frame, or if the vehicle has a unitized body, the supporting structure or structures which serve as the frame, (L) the cab of a truck, (M) the body of a passenger vehicle or (N) any other part of a motor vehicle which the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles determines is comparable in design or function to any of the parts listed in subparagraphs (A) to (M), inclusive. If a major component part was taken from a used vehicle, the receipt must specify the Vehicle Identification Number(s) (VIN) of the donor vehicle(s). A Salvage Vehicle Repair Report (form K-186) must be completed and presented at the time of vehicle inspection. Clear photographs of the repaired/replaced areas of the vehicle are to be presented when inspected. The photographs must clearly show:

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1. the entire vehicle by four (4) photos, one from each vehicle corner (*i.e. left front, right front, left rear, right rear*) and;
 2. the damaged area(s) prior to repairs being performed and;
 3. the repaired area(s) with new parts/panels installed prior to any seam sealing, painting, or rust proofing and;
 4. how the new parts were attached (*welds*) and;
 5. the area (*if the area is not longer visible*) prior to painting and corrosion proofing.

These photographs must be attached to form K-186, signed by the licensee and submitted with the inspection document (*form B-269*). All departmental requirements for invoices/titles/receipts for parts/panels shall apply. The certification for repair of salvage vehicles will be the signed and completed K-186 form. An air bag certification for air bag repair or replacement (*form B-303*) is also required if the vehicle is so equipped. In a situation where a licensee's vehicle has a questionable repair - undercoating, sealer, or parts may have to be removed at the request of the Inspector. Inspection fee is \$88.00.

REQUIREMENTS FOR A SALVAGE VEHICLE OWNED AND PRESENTED FOR INSPECTION BY A PRIVATE PARTY

If no pre-repair photographs are available the insurance adjusters damage report may be submitted. If some repairs were performed by a licensed shop, copies of the repair receipts will be required. These receipts must be itemized in accordance with Section 14-65h of the Connecticut General Statutes. If the vehicle owner purchased any major component parts, receipts or titles must be presented. If the repair shop supplied any major component part, copies of the receipt or titles must be attached to the repair order. This is the only circumstance under which copies are acceptable. The originals must be retained by the licensee (*Reference 14-63-49 regulations of State Agencies*).

REQUIREMENTS FOR A SALVAGE VEHICLE OWNED BY A PRIVATE PARTY AND PRESENTED FOR INSPECTION BY A LICENSEE

The licensee may not utilize a dealer/repairer plate to bring the salvage vehicle in for salvage inspection unless the licensee owns the vehicle. The licensee must present all photographs and follow all salvage inspection requirements for a licensed dealer/repairer.

RE-REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS

After the vehicle passes the inspection, you may re-register with either the old plates or with new plates. To re-register you must:

1. Complete form H-13 (*Application For Registration and Certificate of Title*).
2. Present the title to the vehicle with the word "SALVAGE" stamped on it.
3. If there has been a transfer of ownership, present a bill of sale from the insurance company specifying the purchase price.
4. Present the inspection report that the vehicle passed a salvage inspection.
5. Present a current, valid insurance card (*for those vehicles which require insurance*). If you intend to use the previous number plate on the vehicle, you must also present the registration certificate which covers those plates.
6. Pay all applicable registration, title, and sales tax fees.

**Salvage vehicles must be reinspected for emissions prior to re-registration in Connecticut, regardless of the date of "old" sticker on the vehicle's windshield.*

LATE FEE

No late fee will be collected for the emissions inspection prior to re-registration of the salvaged vehicle.
